

# BOROUGH OF AMBRIDGE

## MINUTES

**Council Meeting: November 12, 2019**  
**Ambridge Borough Building**



- **Executive Session – Legal and Personnel Matters**

- **The November 12, 2019 meeting of Ambridge Borough Council was called to order at 6:30PM within Council Chambers of the Ambridge Borough Building, 600 11<sup>th</sup> Street.**

- **Roll Call:**

Present:

Mr. Cafarelli  
 Mrs. Caldarelli  
 Mr. Dunn  
 Mr. Flannery  
 Mrs. Miller  
 Mr. Mikulich  
 Mayor Drewnowski

Also Present: Borough Manager Kauer, Chief Romutis, and Solicitor Start,

Absent: Mr. McCoy, Engineer Suehr and Chief Gottschalk

- **Invocation** – the invocation was conducted by Mrs. Barbara Costa, Trinity School for Ministry.

- **Pledge of Allegiance**

- **Presentations**

A Proclamation of the Ambridge Borough Council and Mayor recognizing the Ambridge Area High School Marine Corps Junior ROTC Unit was presented to them.

- **Citizen’s Participation On/Off Agenda Items (5 minutes per speaker)**

1. **Ms. Cathy Holler, 824 11<sup>th</sup> Street**, expressed concerns about speeding motorists on 11<sup>th</sup> Street between Lenz Avenue and Beaver Road. She also questioned if tree grates were going to be installed on Merchant Street. The Manager stated that they were not in the plans to be installed. The Mayor and Chief of Police stated that they will investigate her speeding concerns.

- **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

**October 8, 2019, Council Meeting**

Mrs. Caldarelli made the motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mr. Flannery; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mr. McCoy	Absent
Mrs. Caldarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	

Motion carried.

- **Borough Bills and Expenses**

Motion to pay the bills was made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mr. Dunn; a roll call vote was taken:

1. General Fund Unpaid: \$105,801.95 Paid: \$86,359.36

2.	2016 Capital Project Bond Fund	Unpaid: \$0.00	
3.	Grants / Special Project Fund	Unpaid: \$1,497.98	
4.	Recreation Fund	Unpaid: \$0.00	Paid: \$300.00
5.	Escrow Fund	Unpaid: \$2,444.35	
6.	Police Pension Fund	Unpaid: \$7,415.12	
7.	Service Employees Pension Fund	Unpaid: \$1,515.83	
8.	Firemen's Pension Fund	Unpaid: \$3,051.67	
9.	Drug Investigation Fund	Unpaid: \$0.00	
10.	Fire Apparatus Replacement Fund	Unpaid: \$0.00	

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mr. McCoy	Absent
Mrs. Caldarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion carried.			

• **Consent Agenda:**

Those matters included under the consent agenda are self-explanatory and are not expected to require further review or discussion. Items will be enacted by one motion. If discussion is desired by any member of Council, that item must be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.

**Motion to accept items 1 through 4 listed on the Consent Agenda was made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli; motion carried unanimously.**

1. Borough Financial Report - acknowledge receipt of the Borough Treasurer's Report.

**Treasurer's Report**

**(11/12/2019)**

Marilyn Sheleheda - Treasurer

General Fund Analysis		
\$573,307.20	General Fund Bank Account Balance as of:	-(11/12/2019) -3:00 pm
\$110,909.73	All (including todays checks) Outstanding Checks as of:	-(11/12/2019) -3:00 pm
<b>\$462,397.47</b>	<b>Available Balance as of:</b>	<b>-(11/12/2019) -3:00 pm</b>

General Fund Bank Summary:		<i>Totals are as follows:</i>	
Deposits:		<b>\$503,130.33</b>	
Debits:		<b>\$963,295.95</b>	
-which include the follow			
73	Checks	\$800,490.42	
2	Payroll (s)	\$147,438.06	
2	Debits	\$15,367.47	

Other Fund Balances as of (11/12/2019) 3:00 pm	
\$16,503.89	Ambridge Borough Drug Investigation Fund
\$82,675.01	Ambridge Capital Project Fund 2016-PLGIT Account
\$0.00	Ambridge Fire Apparatus Replacement Fund
\$26,854.90	Escrow Disbursement Account
\$6,324.77	Grants/Special Funds
\$11,734.22	Liquid Fuels Fund
\$35,961.82	Recreation Fund
\$418,695.19	Sinking Fund
<b>\$598,749.80</b>	<b>Total Other Funds Balances (Restricted Use)</b>

2. Authorize the closure of Church Street between 14th and 15th Streets on Saturday, December 7th from 10AM to 10PM and Sunday, December 8th from Noon to 8PM for Old Economy Village's Christmas in the Village Event.
3. Authorize the closure of Merchant Street between 4th and 11th Streets with no parking restrictions in place for the parade, on Friday, December 6th from 5:30PM to 8PM for the Christmas on Merchant Street Live Event.
4. Authorize the Committee to Clean and Beautify Ambridge to install landscape lighting in PJ Caul Park to light up five trees and the World War I monument.

**New Business - Items for Discussion:**

- A. Motion to authorize the advertisement and public display of the 2020 Municipal Budget. Motion was made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mr. Dunn; Mr. Mikulich commented that the budget is balanced and does not call for a tax increase. This will be 15 years without an increase. A roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mr. McCoy	Absent
Mrs. Caldarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion carried.			

- B. Motion to authorize the advertisement and public display of Ordinance No. 1314, an Ordinance of the Borough of Ambridge, County of Beaver and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, levying a tax for the year of 2020 of thirty-four and one-half mills on each dollar of the assessed valuation of taxable property, setting discounts and penalties on collections. Motion was made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mr. McCoy	Absent
Mrs. Caldarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion carried.			

- C. Motion to authorize the advertisement and public display of Ordinance No. 1315, an Ordinance of the Borough of Ambridge, County of Beaver and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for collection of taxes by the locally elected tax collector between the period of January 15, 2020 and April 15, 2020 in accordance with the provisions of Act 169 of 1998 and its amendments. Motion was made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mr. McCoy	Absent
Mrs. Caldarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion carried.			

- D. Motion to authorize the advertisement and public display of Ordinance No. 1316, an Ordinance amending the existing Borough of Ambridge Service Employees Pension Plan, in order to amend the plan to revise the defined contribution features. Motion was made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mr. McCoy	Absent
Mrs. Caldarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion carried.			

- E. Motion to ratify the disbursement of \$50,632.16 to Baiano Construction for Pay Application No. 12 of the Merchant St. Streetscape Project. Motion was made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mr. McCoy	Absent
Mrs. Caldarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion carried.			

- F. Motion to authorize the disbursement of \$52,230.08 to Baiano Construction for Pay Application No. 13 of the Merchant St. Streetscape Project. Motion was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dunn; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mr. McCoy	Absent
Mrs. Caldarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion carried.			

- G. Motion to authorize the purchase and installation of a Plymovent Magnetic Vehicle Exhaust Extraction System at PA Costars Contract Pricing of \$85,750 for the fire station. (Note: 95% of this project's costs are to be paid for from the awarded FEMA grant.) Motion was made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mr. McCoy	Absent
Mrs. Caldarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion carried.			

- H. Motion to dedicate Fasmo Towing as the authorized towing provider for the Borough of Ambridge and award contract thereto, as recommended by the Public Safety Committee. Motion was made by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli; Mr. Cafarelli questioned where Fasmo is located. Mr. Mikulich stated the corner of 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Duss Avenue, Ambridge. A roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mr. McCoy	Absent
Mrs. Caldarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion carried.			

- **Committee Reports**
  - **Code Enforcement Committee:** no report.

- **Public Safety:** Mr. Flannery stated that the Committee will be meeting later this month.

Mayor Drewnowski reported that there were three drug busts this month, one including a significant heroin confiscation. He stated that the use of the SWAT team during the raids are sending a positive message to drug dealers that their actions will not be tolerated. The Mayor also stated that tips are being acted upon and thanked the community for staying involved.

- **Public Works:** Mr. Cafarelli reported:
  - Curbside leaf collection started on Monday, October 21st. Please pile your leaves in neat piles at the curb-line, do not park on top of your leaves. Program runs through December 6th.
  - Grass Cutting is wrapping up for the year at Borough Properties, Parks, Rights of Way and Abandoned properties.
  - Park Maintenance: fixed the dugout roof at Panek Park and added topsoil and grass seed to the football field to remove ruts. Water to all park restroom facilities and drinking fountains have been turned off for the season and winterized.
  - One DPW employee worked the Tire Collection Event on 10/7/19 – 244 tires collected and properly disposed of.
  - Street Light Blitz on October 16th, crew patrolled the entire town and logged 69 street lights out, placed ribbon on each pole to identify the out light and the office reported again to Duquesne Light. The Light Company was in town last week and fixed all of them.
  - Catch basin repairs: crew rebuilt the following catch basins – 3rd & Maplewood, 400 block of Locust St., Pine & Ivy, 6th & Maplewood, and fixed a collapsed section of storm sewer pipe at the corner of Ohioview & 11th St.
  - Electrician replaced burnt out street lights on Church Street and is working on replacing bad light ballasts on New Economy Drive.
  - Equipment Maintenance:
    - Bucket Truck was inspected – did not need anything.
    - Red F-350 Dump Truck – brakes replaced
    - F-350 Stake body Truck – brakes replaced
    - Two trucks are now ready for snow / salt operations.
  - Sign maintenance is on-going, replacing missing signs and repairing damaged locations. Took down the street sweeping signs on streets that are no longer swept.
  - Ongoing maintenance has been dedicated to filling pot-holes and repairs to multiple alleys.
  - Foreman responded, marked and reported multiple PA-One Call requests.
- **Parks:** no report.
- **Engineer’s Report:** no report.

- **Official Reports**

**Motion to accept the Official Reports;** motion was made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mr. McCoy	Absent
Mrs. Caldarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	

Motion carried.

- **Other Unfinished Business**

Mayor Drewnowski commented that the Federal Government is building a new Air Force 1 plane and that the new hanger for the new plane is being made with steel from Sippel Steel here in Ambridge. He stated that this is great for Ambridge, something we should be proud about.

Mr. Mikulich stated that the Troop Banners will be coming down for the year and will go up in advance of Memorial Day 2020. He stated that there are many Christmas events coming up next month in town, please check the town calendar.

Mr. Cafarelli reminded everyone that Coffee with a Cop is tonight, following the meeting, at the library.

Mrs. Cafarelli requested Council to schedule a Coffee with Council event in the next month.

Mr. Mikulich stated that the US Census Bureau is hiring workers for the 2020 Census. He stated that employment opportunities will be posted on the message board in the hallway.

Mrs. Caldarelli reported that retired Police K9 Hector passed away recently. She expressed her condolences to Officer Chickos and his family. Officer Chickos, who was in the audience, stated that he appreciated all the community support. He stated that K9 Hector passed away peacefully.

- **Adjournment –**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Flannery; motion carried unanimously – meeting was adjourned at 7:02PM.

Respectfully submitted:



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Joseph Kauer  
Borough Manager / Secretary